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Early Years 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We thought that it might be helpful to explain some of the activities and areas of learning that your child will be working on this term.

Our topic is
ONCE UPON A TIME

The focus for this half term is settling in to a new school and class. Through adult led activities we will teach the children how to use the different inside and outside areas, gradually introducing new resources and skills. The children will apply these skills in their children initiated learning (ChIL).

We will be spending the first few weeks getting to know the children and giving them time to get to know each other. As part of this we encourage the children to bring in a photo (or photos) from home that show more about them e.g. a pet, their family, them as a baby or any other photo that is special to them. Any photos we get in we will share together and would be greatly appreciated.

In Literacy we will be reading a range of traditional tales and knight/princess themed books. These books will be the basis of our learning and we will link all areas of the curriculum in.

In Maths we will cover numbers and counting. These are taught primarily in a practical way encouraging the children to learn through daily experiences in a stimulating environment, rather than through formal recording.

The children will also be learning to use the computer for a range of purposes, including some sessions in the ICT suite.

PE with Mr Baker will be on a Thursday, so please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit. Earrings need to be removed for PE or tape provided to cover them and long hair should be tied up at all times.

Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school every day, as they are often needed for letters and library books. They also need a waterproof in navy or black that permanently stays on their peg as we often go out in damp weather! If you wish to bring in wellies on a rainy day please ensure your child has school shoes for when they are inside and we can help them swap footwear when they go outside.

N.B. As we are officially a "Healthy School" we would ask you to support us by NOT sending in sweets and chocolates when it is your child's birthday. Birthdays are celebrated during our weekly Celebration Assembly when the whole school sings 'Happy Birthday'! As we share a piece of fruit or vegetable in snack each day, if you would like to bring in some of these that would be lovely; some of the children's past favourites have been packets of raisins, melon and berries.

If there are any changes regarding the collection of your child, please advise the school in writing as early as possible. If it is a last-minute arrangement then please call the office no later than 12:45 or 2:45pm so that there is time for the message to make it to class. As we get to know your family we will allow your child to go home with their parent or grandparent without knowing in advance but if any other adult is picking them up and we weren't aware we will have to call you to check before we let them go.

We hope you find this information useful. Look out for notices on the weekly parent information sheet detailing what we are learning that week and things we may ask your child to bring in for this topic. If you have any questions please just come and ask, thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

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